

the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, full credit shall be given for the amount for which liability is relieved by this Act.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Richard C. Mockler, Wildhorse Circle, Pinebrook Hills, Boulder, Colorado, the sum certified to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Secretary of Commerce as the sum of amounts paid to the United States by the said Richard C. Mockler, or withheld from amounts otherwise due him from the United States, by reason of the liability referred to in the first section of this Act: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved July 5, 1968.

### Private Law 90-291

#### AN ACT

July 5, 1968  
[H. R. 16429]

To provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of the Interior of certain lands and interests in lands in Grand and Clear Creek Counties, Colorado, in exchange for certain lands within the national forests of Colorado, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That upon acceptance on behalf of the United States of title to not less than an equal value of land within the exterior boundaries of any one or more of the Arapaho, Gunnison, Pike, Rio Grande, Roosevelt, Routt, San Isabel, San Juan, Uncompahgre, or White River National Forests in Colorado to be conveyed by American Metal Climax, Incorporated, a New York Corporation, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465), as amended and supplemented, the Secretary of the Interior shall, in exchange therefor, issue patent to American Metal Climax, Incorporated, for the following:

Grand and Clear  
Creek Counties,  
Colo.  
Conveyance.

43 Stat. 1090.  
16 USC 485,  
486.

FIRST.—A tract of land in the Arapaho National Forest and in Clear Creek and Grand Counties, Colorado, not to exceed 150 feet in horizontal width, within which tract shall be located a tunnel to be excavated by American Metal Climax, Incorporated, from the portal thereof at a point in Grand County, Colorado, in what will probably be, when surveyed, township 3 south, range 77 west of the sixth principal meridian, to the mining property belonging to said company in Clear Creek County, Colorado, said tract to be described by metes and bounds survey which shall be completed by the Secretary of the Interior within six months after the effective date of this Act, excepting and reserving, however, unto the United States the surface thereof and full rights to the soil, vegetation, and other surface resources.

SECOND.—A tract or tracts of land in the Arapaho National Forest and in Grand County, Colorado, which, when consolidated with lands already owned by American Metal Climax, Incorporated, will comprise a consolidated tract not to exceed eight hundred feet in horizontal width, within which consolidated tract shall be located a railroad to be constructed by American Metal Climax, Incorporated, from the portal of the tunnel referred to in the first subparagraph of this section to lands said company has applied for in exchange pursuant to the Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465), as amended, said

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486.

tract or tracts to be described by metes and bounds survey which shall be completed by the Secretary of the Interior within six months after the effective date of this Act, excepting and reserving, however, unto the United States an easement of access through and across the tract or tracts, together with the right at such time or times and at such place or places on the tract or tracts as is deemed necessary or desirable by the United States, at its own expense, to construct and maintain means of access or game crossings in, across and through the tract or tracts, in addition to those constructed by and at the expense of American Metal Climax, Incorporated, at the time said railroad is constructed: *Provided*, That the construction, maintenance and use of said additional means of access or game crossings shall not obstruct, interfere with or otherwise hinder, impede or delay the operation of the mine, mill, railroad, or related facilities belonging to American Metal Climax, Incorporated, its successors and assigns. Title to the tract or tracts patented pursuant to this subparagraph of this section shall, however, be conveyed to and held by American Metal Climax, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, subject to the following condition: Whenever said company, its successors and assigns, shall no longer require the use and possession of the said consolidated tract, the then owner thereof shall tender to the United States its deed conveying said consolidated tract to the United States in such form and under such conditions as may then be prescribed by the United States. The then owner shall be deemed to no longer require the use and possession of the said consolidated tract only (A) when the fixtures, structures, and improvements constructed or maintained thereon have been removed, without being replaced, within a period of five years from the time of such removal, with fixtures, structures, and improvements constructed for uses substantially similar to or associated with the uses to which the fixtures, structures, and improvements so removed were put, or (B) when the use and possession of said consolidated tract shall have been permanently abandoned.

SEC. 2. The value of the tracts hereby directed to be patented to American Metal Climax, Incorporated, shall be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture and shall not exceed the value of the lands to be accepted by the United States in exchange therefor as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. The patent issued for lands granted pursuant to this Act shall express the conditions and contain the reservations provided for in section 1 of this Act with respect to the separate titles thereby granted.

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# Private Law 90-292

## AN ACT

July 11, 1968  
[S. 102]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to consider a petition for reinstatement of an oil and gas lease (Wyoming 0310090).

Oil and gas  
lease (Wyo.  
0310090).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall receive, consider, and act upon any petition of Paul T. Walton, Thomas F. Kearns, and Jerome B. Guinand filed within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act, for reinstatement of United States oil and gas lease (Wyoming 0310090), and accompanied by the required rental, including